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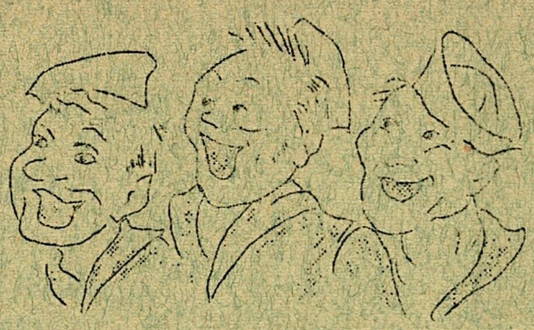
Come to our Picnics

---We have a ball---



MEET THE BOYS

Well gang, let's meet some of the newer faces about the Astoria USO.

First we have PHILLIP JACOBUS, otherwise known as Jac from Traverse City, Michigan. He entered the Navy in August of 1955. Some of Jac's favorites are: Food-ham, Drink-milk, Song-"You and Me", Singer-Red Foley, Music-pop, Saying-"Golly!!". Jac's ambition is to go to college when he gets out of the Navy. His hobby is boat racing, a real exciting sport. People who keep putting things off is his pet peeve.

Hope you enjoy your stay here in Astoria Jac and we sure are glad to meet ya.

Next we have LUTHER T. GRAY from Conway, Arkansas. This boy also entered the Navy in August of 1955. His hobbies are music, pool and movies. Some of his favorites are: Food-eggs, milk and coffee (all at once Luke?) Drink-milk, Singer-Carl Smith, Song-"You're Free To Go", Music-Country hillbilly, Saying-"It makes me feel so good." His big ambition is to be a welder, and his pet peeve is for everything to go wrong.

Well, Luke, I hope everything goes right for you now that you are in Astoria.

ROLAND L. HUGHES (ROLLY), came from the little town of Atwater, California to the booming metropolis of Astoria, Oregon. He entered the Navy in June of 1953. His hobbies are dancing to the music of the Rhythmaires and listening to slow dreamy-type music. He also enjoys sports. His favorite food is chicken. He has a favorite drink that comes under the category of "BEER". He has a pet peeve too, people who are individualists. His ambition is to go back to school, (he never finished?) His favorite singer is the irrepressible Doris Day. He loves the song "Deep Purple". He enjoys the smooth music of Ray Anthony and Les Brown. His favorite saying is practically anything. I'm sure he is going to enjoy staying in this city of golden opportunity and beautiful scenery.

Lou is no newcomer to Astoria, so I'm sure you have all seen him here at the USO. Oh, by the way, Lou is just a nickname, his real name is LEWIS G. AUSTIN. He hails from Orlando, Florida. Lou entered the Navy on June 10th of 1954 and his ambition is to go overseas. He says that his pet peeve is the Navy, how about that. Lou's hobbies are cars and swimming, favorite food is steak, and his favorite drink is coffee. Lou's favorite female singer is Gale Storm, his favorite saying is "It's bad but not serious." His favorite song is "Why Do Fools Fall in Love", and is a great fan of Rock 'N Roll. Lou has been enjoying his stay in Astoria too.

JOE B. JEWELL (EDDIE), hails from Ashdown, Arkansas. He entered the Navy in August of 1954. His favorite hobbies are hunting, fishing and photography. Sounds like a pretty busy guy. His favorite food is Southern fried chicken. His favorite drink, lemonade (?) Pet peeve is not enough GIRLS!! (Your not alone Joe). His very promising ambition is to be an electrical engineer. His favorite singer is the new and rising singing sensation, Elvis Presley. His favorite song is "Blue Moon of Kentucky". His favorite saying is "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Sounds like a real likable guy, huh gang?

G.S.O. RAMBLINGS

It is surely nice to be able to be at the USO again, after being gone for seven weeks, it was just like coming home. I saw so many new faces and also missed quite a few of the ones we had begun to speak of as our "older fellows"

There are still more changes, Verna, the girl at the desk with the big smile has left us and gone to a little cage, as she calls it, at the U.S. National Bank. We surely will miss her, but, of course, we expect to see her at a lot of our activities.

Have you noticed that we are having quite a few more girls at the dances lately? I haven't been able to attend any dances for quite some time but from what I hear, the dances have had a huge dose of vitamins lately. More girls, more friendly feeling, and Good Music. In fact, everyone is talking of the "swell time they had at the dance."

At our last GSO Meeting, the girls were reminded of the GSO handbook and were given a short refresher course on the rules and regulations. I wonder if the fellows know that each girl is given interviews before she can become a member of the GSO and each year there is a training course given to each member so that they have firmly fixed in their minds the rules governing their organization. These rules and regulations were composed by the former members of the GSO and not by a group of adults. The girls are supposed to keep these rules to the best of their ability, so fellows why not get acquainted with these rules too and it may mean a happier time for all.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

Well guys and gals, the Sunday Suppers down at the USO have concluded once again until this fall. Starting this Sunday, June 3rd, we will be having a picnic outing at one of the various beaches lining the Oregon coast and the mountains every Sunday, come rain or come shine, until the first of October.

We start out for these outing about 1:00 P.M. and have a lot fun all day. Swimming, playing volley ball, tossing the girls into the air in a blanket, baseball, horse-back riding, and just plain fun are some of the things we will be doing, plus plenty of food for all to give us energy to last through the day.

The cost is just $1.00 per person for transportation, food, and fun on each of the picnics.

Be sure to sign up early and be ready to go each Sunday. See you Sunday!

A big note of thanks to Mrs. Antonich for providing the entertainment during the past 8 months of Sunday Suppers.

THE USO BANDWAGON

Last fall Don Kent, who was then director of the Astoria USO, thought that it would be a genuine asset to the club if it was represented by a radio show on station KVAS. A short time later permission was granted and all necessary arrangements were made for the USO BANDWAGON to go on the air. The show was to be a simple one in composition. Don played requests for the gang around the USO and gave out with the forth coming news. From time to time he would have guests appearing with him on the show.

In the first few days of November, Don left the Astoria USO to be replaced by Jim Taylor. A short time later Jim and I drifted into a conversation about The Bandwagon and by the time it was finished I was in charge of the show. The general theme of the show, as set up by Don Kent seemed to be a good one and there appeared to be no reason to make any major changes therefore, none was made. Requested tunes and news about the club continues to go out on the air as before. During this time, the Bandwagon was still in it's experimental stage and slowly the realization came that the show would have to undergo some changes, major and minor.

To make a general improvement in The Bandwagon the overall policy was changed. The foremost purpose of the Bandwagon is not only to "sell" the USO to the service personnel in this area but to everyone in this area.

A while after Jim Taylor appointed me as being in charge of The Bandwagon, Tommy Sylvester joined the "staff" as board operator and as my assistant. Tommy became a regular part of the show and a genuine asset to it. From time to time such people as Ginny Lundburg, Jan Bartoldus, and Ann Schairer appeared as guests on the Bandwagon. Recently another addition was made to the small but growing staff of the show. Karen Ward is now contrubuting time and effort to the show.

The USO Bandwagon is one of the few of it's kind. There are very few USO Clubs that have radio shows. Through the Bandwagon, the people of Astoria and the service personnel in the general area can be informed about events and activities of the club as well as hear some of their favorite recordings. The news about the USO Club can be and should be of general interest to everyone and the recordings are chosen with the idea of being pleasing to as many listeners as possible both military and civilian alike and to promote good public relations for the USO.

THE USO BANDWAGON IS ON THE AIR EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 9:05 to 9:30 P.M. ON RADIO STATION KVAS. (How's about giving a listen to it?)

THE BANDWAGON STAFF

For those who are wondering and are curious and interested here is a rundown on who's who in connection with the Bandwagon...

JIM TAYLOR . . . . . .PROGRAM ADVISOR
KEN SCOTT . . . . . DIRECTOR & M.C.
TOMMY SYLVESTER . . . BOARD OPERATOR & ANNOUNCER
KAREN WARD . . . . . .G.S.O. REP.
JAY ERISMAN . . . . . TECHNICAL ADVISOR

By the way Gang, the Bandwagon could use a writer, how about someone of you trying his or hers for that matter, hand at hitting the top for a good program.

By KEN SCOTT

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Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it.

CHIT CHAT

Bon Voyage to Herb "Flash" Ching, SN, of the Coast Guard. Herb has been in Astoria since the summer of 1955. He is going to be stationed in Aberdeen, Wash. Herb says to tell the gang-"Aloha Nui Loa"

We all enjoyed seeing the robust figure of "Uncle Dud" (Dudley L. Hill to you newcomers), once again here at the USO. Uncle Dud was with us for only a very short week.

We received word that Ernestine Peterson, one of our former GSO girls and Girl of the Month for last August, has become engaged. "Ernie", as we fondly knew her as, has been at nursing school in Olympia, Wash. Best wishes from all the gang Ernie and hope to see you and your fiance down here some time in the future.

Farewell to the crew off the USS Romulus. Their ship was decommissioned the first of June. Lots of luck in your new stations fellas.

Mrs. Stone and her husband were in a pretty serious auto accident last month. Mrs. Stone is still in the hospital. Hope you get well real soon Mrs. Stone and that we will be seeing you down here once again in the near future.

Miss Clara Beemer, or "Mom" as she is so fondly know by, has been ill in the hospital also. We all miss her down here very much. Hope you feel better "Mom", and that you will be with us again real soon.

Congratulations to Keith Wilcox on his recent engagement to Louise Brenner. The wedding is set for some time in the early fall.

A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE USO

A first hand view of the USO by a typical young sailor stationed at Tongue Point for only a little more than a month, is this report.

"In my opinion the USO here in Astoria has really been a "Home away from Home." In a small town such as Astoria, it's pretty hard to get to know people. Here at the USO, however, you are welcome to the dances, skating parties, snacks and all the other recreational facilities. You meet a good clean crowd.

Where else in a small town like Astoria could a guy spend his spare time? I don't know. How else could a guy far from home keep from getting home-sick?

The USO keeps a lot of guys on the right track. There are many many more things for you to enjoy. So when the occasion faces you as it did me, go to the USO. You will learn to like it as I have."

SONG DEDICATIONS

To Charley K.- "Write me one Sweet Letter" from Janet J.
"Daddio" to Ginny from a certain someone.
"Everybody's Got a Home" to the 3 stooges from Fairy V. and Ruth L.
To Rudy "Tutti Frutti" from Jess.
"Chain Gang" in Supply and inventory from Dave Miller.
"Long Tall Sally" to Fairy from Art Townsend.
"Poison In your Heart" to Verna from Guess Who?
"Blue Suede Shoes" to Nick, don't have none from a buddy.
"Winner Take All" from Annie to Eddie.
To Bob McKinley from Guess Who? - "Just A Gigilo".
"Honey Don't" - to Ellen from Dab.
"Wee Wee Hours" - to Jessie Campbell from Mick and Art.
"Wish I Didn't Love Me So" - To Ray Dubel.
"Little Girl of Mine" to Jan Mattson from "Guess Who?"
To Bill Boston - "Standing On A Corner."
To Ann P. - "It's All Over Now", from Art. T.
"It Don't Hurt Anymore" to Anothy Hugg. (Give us the details Anthony.)
"Speedoo" - to Hoff, the USO Commando.
To the crew of the Romulus - "Without You" from the girls at the USO.

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HEY KIDS!!! FOR COMING EVENTS IN JUNE, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR THE U.S.O. BULLETINS ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT THE STATION AND AT THE U.S.O.

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Then there was the sweet young thing who signalled a taxicab and said to the driver, "To the maternity hospital, and never mind rushing. I only work there."

"All of our wedding presents are so personal--they all say 'His' and 'Hers' except for the blanket Carl's old Navy buddy sent. That says, 'U.S.'"

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BOY AND GIRL OF THE MONTH

Our girl of the month for April is a long tall Sally by the name of Jeanette Marie Jalbert. Jan, as all her friends call her, was born January 8, 1939 in Astoria - a true fish-head. She graduated from Star of the Sea High School last May 29th.

Jan became a Jr. Hostess last December and has been very active since. She is the GSO representative at the program council meetings and if, per chance you should hear a golden voice singing with the band some Monday or Thursday evening that is our Jan. For Jan has truly one of the most beautiful singing voices this reporter has heard in a long while.

Jan has one sister at home who is younger than she. Her parents own the Liberty Grill here in town and if you are ever hungry for some good food, just go and see Jan down there and she will see that you get what you like to eat.

Some of Jan's favorites are: Activity at the USO-singing with the band and the dances, Food-fried chicken, Nebraska style, Song-"I'll Never Stop Loving You", Band-Rhythmaires, Sport-football and basketball (aspectator only), Saying-"Oh No'!", Hobby-dancing.

Jan is still abit undecided as to her future, but you can be sure that when she does decide that it will be a very good one.

Jan has hazel colored eyes, is 5'5", and has warm brown hair to go with her warm personality. Jan's pet peeve is People who talk bigger than they are.

Congratulations Jan, for the swell job you have been doing down here entertaining the fellows. Keep up the good work.

Hi Gang, well, here it is, time for another low down. But I am going to have to disappoint you. For the month of April there was no boy of the month. So this is to tell you how the boy of the month is selected. The two most important facotrs of how he is selected are to start with:

(1) he is picked for how well he fits into the crowd, by that I mean-how he stands out, sort of a leader.

(2) How he helps out around the USO. And all the things he might do for the people around him.

Well Gang, that's it for now, so for May, let's have a "Boy of the Month".

DANCES FOR MAY

Being the first dance of the month, miss Janet Jalbert was honored as Girl of the Month for April. Jan has put in many hours up here singing with the band and is the GSO representative at the Program Council meetings.

Jan has been a Jr. Hostess since December and has joined the ranks of the fun-finding club, (GSO) As I am writing this, Jan is receiving her diploma from Star of the Sea School.

As I go into the May 17th dance, I and everyone else put on a different air as we walk into the dance hall. The room was decorated not only with streamers, balloons, leaves, flowers and birds, but also it had some new faces. These were the Senior girls whom we honored at our Spring Dance. The theme of the dance, "Lullaby of Birdland", was depicted throughout the hall with the title above mentioned on the bandstand backdrop.

Tom and Karen had a wonderful time wrapping tin foil around all those letters. The wishing well had a new face on it too. It seems that non-living things can change too, but the wishing well got it's going over by "Goose" and Jan. Everyone pitched in and by Wednesday night, we had an all together different dance floor. Karen Ward, decorating chairman, was all but too tired to come to the dance. Thanks, Karen, for that wonderful change.

It happened on the May 17th dance that I first noticed a special band feature, "Red" Ames, who makes the drums talk their way into everyones heart. We also saw a few of the Senior girls that night and hope that they will join us more often here at the USO.

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Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does any thing.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.